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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Gary K. Michelson
Serial No.: 10/085,406
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For: ARCUATE DYNAMIC LORDOTIC GUARD
WITH MOVABLE EXTENSIONS FOR
CREATING AN IMPLANTATION SPACE
POSTERIORLY IN THE LUMBAR SPINE
(as amended)

Group Art Unit: 3732 Examiner: M. Priddy

Confirmation No.: 6768

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) with Form PTO-1449 and 8 documents is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|  | (Col. 1)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |   | (Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR |     | (Col. 3)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA* | LG/SM<br>\$ ENTITY FEE |     | ADD'L<br>FEE DUE |   |
|--|---|---|---|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------|---|
| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE   | 121   | - | 159   | **  | 0                             | LG=\$18<br>SM=\$9      | 18  | \$               | 0 |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS FEE  | 2   | - | 3   | *** | 0                             | LG=\$88<br>SM=\$44     | 88  | \$               | 0 |
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The total amount of \$1,160.00 to cover the \$980 three-month extension fee and \$180 IDS fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims

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- 2. Amendment
- 3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) with Form PTO-1449 and 8 documents
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